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SDPD ROBBERY UNIT DETECTIVES ARREST THE "I BRING MY OWN BAG BANDIT"

(San Diego) San Diego Police Robbery Unit detectives today announce the arrest of a suspect in the "I Bring My Own Bag Bandit" robbery series.

The series began on June 12, 2006, and there have been multiple cases. In each case, the suspect entered the business and placed a bag on the counter. He then displayed a handgun and demanded cash from employees. The money was placed in the bag and the suspect calmly walked out of the business. The suspect primarily targeted fast food restaurants, convenience stores/gas stations and hotels.

Robbery detectives, in conjunction with the San Diego Police Department Crime Lab, identified Derek Keith Ancrum, 39, as the suspect responsible for the series.

This morning, with the assistance of the San Diego Regional Fugitive Task Force and Colton Police Department, Ancrum was taken into custody in the City of Colton.

Ancrum will be booked into San Diego County jail on 2 counts of armed robbery and 1 count of attempt robbery.

The investigation into the series continues. The Department will not release any photographs of Ancrum and we are asking the media not release any photographs to the public at this time. The release of any photograph could potentially taint any further investigation linking Ancrum to other robberies.

Lt. McKinney will be available for interviews Tuesday, January 9, 2007 between 3:30 and 4:30 p.m. at SDPD Headquarters.

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